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Dear Parents and Carers

My apologies for having to write to you at this late stage in the term, but just this afternoon the Government has announced significant changes to the start of next term.

Please find below a link to a press release outlining the Government's plans for schools to reopen for **Years 11 and 13 only** on 4th January. All other year groups will be taught remotely for that week and return on 11th January.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/staggered-rollout-of-coronavirus-testing-for-secondary-schools-and-colleges?utm_source=295ddfed-a544-417c-9c7e-6799d01fdf0b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Summarising the key points:

- Students in exam year groups, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will all attend school or college in person from the start of term, as will all students in primary, special and alternative provision schools and colleges
- Vocational exams scheduled for the week of 4th January will go ahead as planned
- Secondary schools and colleges will operate a staggered return, offering all non-exam year groups full-time remote education
- Guidance will shortly be provided to schools and colleges on how to set up and staff the testing sites.

Therefore we will teach Year 11 and 13 on Monday 4th January, work for Years 7 -10 and 12 will be set on Google Classroom and we will provide supervision for the children of critical workers - like we did during lockdown, if it is needed.

I am sorry to be sending you this now, so late in the term and with so many unknowns, but I wanted to let you know what schools know, little as it is. Please bear with us as we work through the implications and how we will manage this rapidly changing situation.

There will be more information to follow.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hyman
Headteacher